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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

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24 November 1986

The Honorable Thomas C. Dawson
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Tom,

Can you get this done for me by 9 December?
Bob Gates will be representing me at the memorial
service and will handcarry it.

Yours,



William J. Casey

Enclosures

The Director of Central Intelligence

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24 November 1986

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Bob Ames, one of our finest officers, was killed, as you will recall, in the destruction of our embassy in Beirut back in April of 1983. His alma mater, La Salle University, is honoring Bob at a memorial service on 11 December.

Bob was one of our stars and it would mean a lot to his family and to CIA if you would sign a letter recognizing his achievements. A letter is attached for your signature.

Respectfully yours,



William J. Casey

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Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., Ph.D.
President, La Salle University
Philadelphia, PA 19141

Dear Brother Patrick:

I congratulate officials, alumni, students, and friends of La Salle University for their recognition of a distinguished alumnus and truly superior public servant, the late Robert C. Ames.

There can be no sadder and yet no more fitting duty for a President than to pay tribute to Americans who have given their lives in the service of their country. The sadness I felt on the rainy Saturday evening in April 1983, when the flag-draped coffins bearing the remains of Bob Ames and his companions reached Andrews Air Force Base, is still with me. So, too, is my anger toward those whose violent act took their lives.

The world is complex and the Middle East especially so. To know the Middle East as Bob did so well, and to advise properly and eloquently those of us who relied so much upon him, required a special degree of wisdom.

More than that, Bob and those other gallant Americans showed us in their lives and tragic deaths a deep sense of purpose. They recognized the danger they faced and yet they went willingly to Beirut. Bob, in his special role, like the others in theirs, tried to assist people who look

to this country believing in America's sense of justice, America's fundamental decency. Quite simply, Bob and his companions were trying to keep the barbarians of the world from having their way.

La Salle's motto, I am told, is "Virtue and Knowledge." In both the wisdom and the dedication of Bob Ames, I cannot imagine any better fulfillment of that motto.

It is written, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Bob Ames was a true peacemaker. We thank God for him. And we thank you, too, men and women of La Salle. In honoring Bob Ames you rightly honor yourselves.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan